

New Superintendents – 2016-2017 School Year

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year, please have them contact the NDE Helpdesk to get set up on the NDE Portal as the new District Administrator for your district. We will provide them with the district administrator activation code specific to their district. The previous District Administrator will also need to be removed and should contact the Helpdesk to advise us of their new position. The Helpdesk can also provide new administrators with information on where instructions are located for the District Administrator Responsibilities and assigning activation codes.



Reminder from the NDE Helpdesk

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It is the beginning of a new school year and with that comes many changes in staff for the districts/systems. The Helpdesk would like to remind our Portal users to please make sure that your contact information on your Portal account is up to date, especially the email address. NDE offices use the email address on users' Portal accounts to send important and vital information. Please log onto your Portal account and go to the "My Profile" tab and check that your email address and other contact information is current. Thank You!



SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2016-2017

DUE DATE: July 31

Contact: Rita Hammit (402-595-2092) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) in the Office of Special Education

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2016-2017 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2015 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and represents the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.



LC-2 - OPENED June 15 - DUE DATE: September 20

Contact: Janice Eret (402-471-2248 or <u>janice.eret@nebraska.gov</u>) or Bill Biven (402-471-0526 or <u>bill.biven@nebraska.gov</u>)

The Budget Form LC-2 is now open. The LC-2 must be submitted by all public school districts and is due on **September 20.**



MOE Eligibility Application - OPEN: July 17 - DUE DATE: November 15

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

Collection completed by Public

The purpose of this application is to provide IDEA special education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) information to establish school eligibility for receipt of IDEA current year funds.



DIRECT CERTIFICATION WITH MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Contact: Sharon Davis (402-471-3559 or sharon.davis@nebraska.gov)

Beginning in 2016-17, Nebraska will start directly certifying students using Medicaid eligibility for both free and reduced price meal eligibility under the authority of Section 18(c) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA). The Demonstration Project has the potential to improve student access to school meals, reduce administrative burden for schools and local educational agencies (LEAs), and improve certification accuracy in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Scheduled Webinars

Using Medicaid data to connect to Free and Reduced Price School Meals through Direct Certification

Date: Monday, August 8, 2016 **Time:** 10:00–11:00 am CST

URL: <u>nde.adobeconnect.com/nutrition</u>

Verification Report and the Direct Certification with Medicaid

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Time: 9:30- 10:30 am CST

URL: nde.adobeconnect.com/nutrition

CNP System Updates

For the 2016-17 School Year, the SFA staff will see changes to the Direct Certification/Direct Verification | View Direct Certification | Qualified Student List Direct Certified as Free screen in the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) system located at: https://nutrition.education.ne.gov/

- The "Q" field new values: M-F = Medicaid-Free, M-R = Medicaid-Reduced.
- Heading updated from "Qualified Student List Directly Certified as Free" to "Qualified Student List Directly Certified".
- Additional text under the NOTICE statement: If a student's record is reported with only the "M-R" value on
 the direct certified list in the CNP system, than the households with children directly certified for reduced
 price meals must receive a notice of the income level used and be offered the opportunity to apply if their
 income, based on NSLP eligibility policies, is within the limit for free meals (using the National School Lunch
 Program (NSLP)'s current income eligibility guidelines). For information click on:
 https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/DirectCert.html
- A template letter for the child reported with only the "M-R" value on the direct certification list is available on this webpage: https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/DirectCert.html

During the coming weeks, the Direct Certification and Direct Verification webpage will be updated with new documents that include information regarding the Direct Certification with Medicaid Demonstration project: https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/DirectCert.html



NeSA-Reading, Math, Science Data - 2015-2016

Contact: Assessment Office (402-471-2495 or nde.stateassessment@nebraska.gov)

- Results of NeSA-Reading, Math, Science will be available to districts in eDIRECT on July 13.
- DACs—Please review your NeSA assessment scores, particularly any zero scores. If you identify any problems, contact John Moon at john.moon@nebraska.gov
 - John Moon will also be contacting districts concerning errors he identifies in their data.
- Corrections need to be completed by August 8. Since data may change based on district feedback, the assessment information is embargoed.



The 2016-2017 Course Codes & Clearing Endorsements Document Is Now Available

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The "2016-2017 Course Codes and Clearing Endorsements" document is now available. It can be found on the NSSRS Resources page at https://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs under "Program-specific Information".



2016-2017 Student and Staff Instructions – Now Available

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following documents for the 2016-2017 school year are now available on the NSSRS Resources web page (http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html). Sorry for the delay. NDE has set up a meeting with the Student Information System vendors regarding these changes.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so <u>please only use one of the following options</u>. If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – This is a Voicemail line ONLY.

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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